



ANNUAL REPORT



2013/14

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About DWPC

Drummoyne Water Polo Club Inc was formed in 1904 as one of the foundation water polo clubs in Sydney. From humble beginnings, it now has more than 425 members, making Drummoyne Water Polo Club one of the biggest in Australia. Known as the 'Drummoyne Devils', the club has men's, ladies, boys and girls' teams across a growing number of grades.

Supporting long standing sporting values of participation, competition and community, the Club continues to innovate and lead the progression of water polo in this country.

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On behalf of the Drummoyne Water Polo Club's members and supporters, we offer a huge thank you to our sponsors for 2013/14.

Without your support, we could not deliver our DWPC water polo program to the high standard we achieve.

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President's Report



Congratulations to all players and coaches on a fantastic year.

Season 2013-2014 was another successful season with some outstanding achievements in and out of the water.

Congratulations to Drummoyne Devils selected in Australian teams:

- AJ Roach and Tyler Martin - World Championships in Barcelona
- AJ Roach and Tyler Martin - Aussie Sharks team in the BHP Billiton Aquatic Super Series in Perth
- Justin Trabinger and Nathan Sinclair - Australian Country team that competed in Hawaii
- Morgan Baxter and Shannan

Martin - World Junior Championships in Volos Greece. Tracey Mirabito - Manager

- James Smith - Australian Born 96 tour of Europe. Michael Smith - Manager
- Ellen Hahn and Fiona Walsh - Australian Born 95 training tour of USA and Canada
- Morgan Baxter and Teo Galic - National Water Polo League All Stars
- Serena Reid and Justin Trabinger - World University Games
- Jesse Deloraine - Australian Born 95 squad
- James Smith and Lachlan Trabinger - Australian Schoolboys
- Justin Trabinger - Australian Born 94 squad Europe tour
- Justin Trabinger - 2013 World Junior Championships, Szombathely, Hungary

- AJ Roach and Tyler Martin - FINA World League intercontinental Cup
- James Smith - Australian Born 96 for FINA World Youth Championships in Istanbul, Turkey
- Emma Jones - Australian Born 98 - 3 test series in New Zealand and Pan Pacs
- Emma Workman - Australian Born 98 Squad for Pan Pacs in NZ. Tracey Mirabito - Manager
- Fiona Walsh and Alex Corbett - Australian Born 95 Squad for tour to Europe
- Adam Hall & Gianni Taranto in Australian Born 97 Squad for Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival in Auckland
- Chris Artemi in Australian Born 98 Squad for Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival in Auckland

- Alex Corbett and Adam Hall who were selected in the Australian All Schools Teams
- Morgan Baxter on being selected in the Aussie Stingers squad, and AJ Roach & Tyler Martin in the Aussie Sharks for a pre World Camp at the AIS.

Congratulations to Drummoyne players selected in State/Territory teams:

- John Hahn, James Smith, Mitch Emery, Justin Trabinger, Shannan Martin, Fiona Walsh, Morgan Baxter Serena Reid and Stephanie Calaisiz in NSWIS teams competing in Australian Water Polo's NTC Challenge
- Alex Corbett, Kaitlin Laycock, Lara Murray, James Smith, Lachlan Trabinger, Gianni Taranto and Adam Hall - U/18 Invitational Tournaments in Sydney and Perth
- Savannah Henshaw, Shania Mitchell, Emma Tuite, Zoe Whelan-Young, Chris Artemi, Blake Artemi, Lachlan Davis and Cooper Steen - U16 NSW City team for Pan Pacs in NZ
- Nicole Chaney - U16 NSW Country team for Pan Pacs in NZ
- 32 of our younger Devils participated in either NSWCHS, NSWICIS or NSWCCC teams: Emma Tuite, Nicole Chaney, Hannah Gray, Sarah Kerrison, Megan Moodie, Savannah Henshaw, Sarah Cain, Emma Workman, Alex Corbett, Sarah Harnwell, Sarah Churchyard, Georgia Mirabito, Zoe Whelan-Young, Lili Borozan, Adam Hall, Mitch Taylor, Charlie Kospetas, Chris Artemi, Gianni Taranto, Rowan Farrell, James Hayward, Blake Artemi, Harry Tunstall, Matt Dembecki, Joel Foristal, Josh Rogers, Daniel Corbett, Lachlan Davis, Daniel Lukic, Michael Sohns, Josh Sharrock and Liam Wheatley.
- Alex Corbett and Hannah Gray, Adam Hall, Chris Artemi, Gianni Taranto and Rowan Farrell - NSW All Schools Teams in Noosa.
- Phoebe Hall, Georgia Gray, Joe Kospetas, James Artemi, Angus Davis and Bronson Ronan - East Coast Challenge in Adelaide



Drummoyne's first two generations of Club Captains: Fraser Foristal, Ryan Lear, Elise Mirabito and Nicola Murphy

- Steph Calaizis, Shannan Martin, Alex Corbett, Ellen Hahn, Fiona Walsh, Erin Moodie, Justin Trabinger, Jesse Deloraine, Mitch Holden, Lachlan Trabinger, Nate Sinclair and Charlie Kospetas who were part of NSW U20 teams for the National Championships held in Adelaide
- Justin Trabinger and Nate Sinclair who were part of the gold medal winning ACT team at the Australian Country Men's Championships

A highlight of the year was our U14A Girls Water Polo Team winning the City of Canada Bay's 2013 Sports Citizen of the Year! Just to recap, the girls had a 38 game winning streak which included Gold Medals at Metropolitan, State and National level. A big congratulations to Nicole Chaney, Emma Jones, Isabella Faulder, Kayla Rogers, Olivia Hill, Ruby Borozan, Phoebe Pride, Jasmine Yip, Sarah Kerrison, Gabby Hall and Lilli Borozan along with coach Ash Faulder and Manager Cheryl Jones.

Congratulations to John Hahn on being awarded the Michael Corry Clubman of the Year Award in recognition of his dedication, leadership and energetic involvement in activities throughout the club. And well done too to Joshua Sharrock whose enthusiasm and entrepreneurial work in and out of the water was recognised in being awarded the Garry Nicholls Junior of the Year. Congratulations to all winners of awards - it required two

presentation nights to get through all of them. Thank you to everyone involved in organising both. It's great that we are able to recognise the efforts and success of our members.

Recapping the 2013-14 season highlights:

- Higher than ever number of Australian representatives
- JDP in its 14th season – over 1,300 participants
- 31 teams – 12 junior, 17 senior, 2 NL teams
- 18 teams qualified for finals: 5 premierships, 1 silver medal
- Australian Club Championship - 6 teams competed across 3 age groups - U16 girls and boys winning bronze
- NSW Club Championships - U18 girls, U16 girls and boys winning bronze medals
- NSW Club Championships - U20 girls silver and boys bronze medals
- Social events: Red Ball at Le Montage was a memorable event. Red & White Saturday and Back to Drummoyne Day, Largie Shield, Players and Buddies Night

Special thanks to the coaching team for their efforts - Men's Head Coach Adam Richardson and Women's Head Coach Steven O'Keefe.

Thanks to the Water Polo Directors Tony Watson and Tracey Mirabito who both did a great job, as did our Club Captains Elise Mirabito and Ryan Lear who were sensational in their first year.

The Club's junior ranks continued to grow with the girls and boys teams having their share of success, while BBQ water polo is alive and well at Drummoyne with Men's and Women's lower grade sides continuing to provide an opportunity for social water polo and for some juniors to gain invaluable experience.

Thanks to everyone involved organising the Club's traditional grades and making sure we continue the Club's traditions

in and out of the water on Tuesday and Wednesday.

I would like to thank our team managers, coaches, referees, and all the volunteers who do specific jobs, from table officials, videoing, cooks, drink servers to cleaners. Without your commitment week in, week out, it would not have been possible to offer such a breadth of teams or to operate as well as we do.

A huge thanks to Mark Simpson for his work with the junior development program, and Amanie Ronan who did a great job administering the program that continues to flourish with the support of players helping out coaching each week.

Also, to Tracey Baxter and her team of helpers who work tirelessly keeping us well fed, Peter Corbett our Gear Steward and Anne Farrell who keeps us updated with her very informative Devil's Updates.

But like everything in this club we need more help.

The club is fortunate to have a fantastic committee who make an outstanding contribution. I would like to acknowledge their many years of combined service and ongoing support, and to thank them for all for their hard work.

This workload however, needs to be spread among more members and friends of the club.

As the Club continues to grow, the demands on our infrastructure expand. This requires both financial and people resources; something that we can't take for granted.

The Club has made a huge investment in the water polo program providing coaching staff to develop our players plus pool space for them to train and play.

We are a family based sporting and social club. We need more people to step up and contribute on pool deck as coaches, referees, managers, and to secure funding etc. Otherwise the growth of the club cannot continue and the number of teams we enter will be a reflection on the available resources.

“As the Club continues to grow, the demands on our infrastructure expand.”

Drummoyne continues to grow in its standing in the Australian water polo community. If we're to maintain this position we need to spread the workload and this can only happen if we have more helpers.

As pool costs rise, we continue to require sponsorship. Thanks again to our major sponsors Birkenhead Point Outlet Centre, The Oxford Hotel Drummoyne, Arena Sports Surveying International, Westpac, the City of Canada Bay and James Tuite & Associates Lawyers.

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Everyone's contribution has made it possible for the club to compete at all levels.

Thanks again to everyone for your support.

Go the Drummoyne Devils!!!

James Tuite
President



Functions & Events



The Devils have continued to have the most fun on pool deck and beyond during the summer of 2013- 14. This season saw a number of highlights, with the Red Ball standing out as the premier event.

Over 320 members and friends donned their masks and danced the night away at Le Montage. It was a fabulous night – many thanks to those who organised and attended the event. So many people contributed to the success of the Red Ball by offering prizes for auction etc and to all of you a big THANK YOU.

The Devils worked on a few new events this year and they turned out to be great successes. We decided to hold our first 'RED & WHITE SATURDAY' where the club room and stands were a mass of red and white. The large crowd enjoyed the National League action and also had a great time upstairs in

the clubroom.

We also held our first 'BACK TO DRUMMOYNE DAY' which aimed to get all the greats from yesteryear back to reminisce about the "good ol" days, while watching the NL action. Both events will become permanent fixtures on the club calendar.

A balmy Friday night in November was the scene of club training for all junior teams where they were trained by the Drummoyne 1st and 2nd grade sides. It was fantastic to see the strong level of participation, and all the parents upstairs commented on the fantastic atmosphere. At the same time we introduced our first "Buddy Night" where 1st grade players were buddied up with U/14 players, taking them through drills and skills. This too will be a permanent fixture on the club calendar. The summer season also witnessed the staging of all the traditional events, Cans by Candlelight and the Golf Day as standouts.

There were numerous other dinners

and trips away which all added to the social fabric that makes our club special. As highlighted last year, too much of the organising fell to the same old faithfuls so in 2014-15 it is vital that everyone makes the effort to assist with, and attend the many functions the club puts on.

Particularly disappointing this year was the roll-up at the Seniors Presentation. An enormous effort goes into organising such an event and it is suprising that it is not supported by the club at large.

The Parliament House / Cockle Bay luncheon is all booked for next year, so we can expect a fantastic day for all who attend.

Once again a big thank you to all those who helped support the social events staged in 13/14 and a special mention to Tracey Baxter and her band of helpers who did so much work catering for the many events we held.

James Brennan

Vice President and Events Manager

Red & White Saturday



MOvember + Red & White Saturday #2



Cans by Candlelight



Buddies Night



Red Ball



Back to Drummoyne Day

2014 marks the Devils' 110th anniversary and it is also 100 years since DWPC won 3 successive first grade premierships.

A good excuse for a party if ever there was one!

We gathered lots of photos dating back to the 1970s of Devil activities both in and out of the water.

But the best was to come when Neale Murphy asked Peter Fitzsimons to promote our 'Back to Drummoyne Day' celebration in his column.

Arising from this, we heard from an 86 year old gentleman from Canberra whose Dad had played in the 1911 Drummoyne winning team.

He kindly supplied a lovely photo

(below) and background story of the players, several of whom went on to fight in World War 1.

A big thank you to Paul Becker (a player, parent and coach / manager at DWPC) whose company "10 Group" created a newspaper mock up of the club's wins displayed on the night.

Back to Drummoyne Day was held at the pool on 29 March. It was a great social occasion as well as providing an opportunity to barrack for the Devils in their National League games against Hunter.

We look forward to hosting the next one!

Below: Winners of the "CLUB" Water Polo Competition Season 1911-12. Back row - A Martin, W Salton (Hon Secretary), W Martin. Centre Row - B Erickson, H Christiansen (Captain), W Baxter (Vice-Captain), T Fitzgerald. Sitting - G Erickson.



DRUMMOYNE PREMIERSHIP HAT TRICK 1912 - 1914



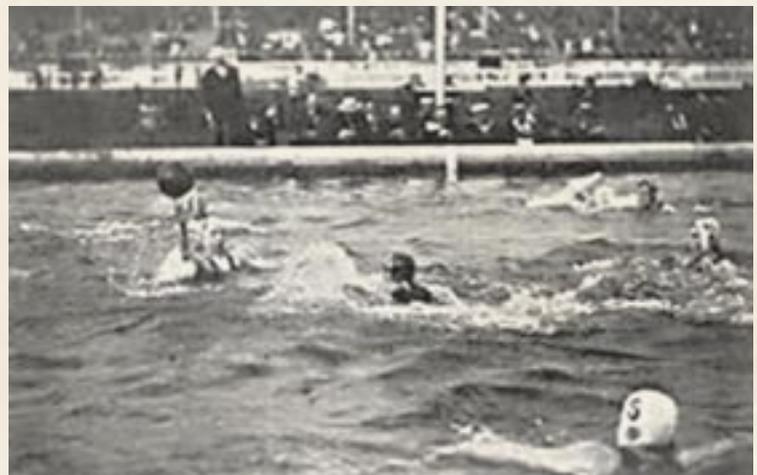
Drummoyne Unbeaten In 1912 Season

Drummoyne played a solid game at the Domain Baths last night to capture their first Rawson Cup. In a tense struggle the Drummoyne team overcame their more experienced rivals from Sydney to take the title. The ball was thrown around at a fast pace as both teams pushed themselves to the limit. The crowd was thrilled to see both teams swimming from end to end in a very exciting clash.

Drummoyne Swimming Club. H. CHRISTIANSEN'S TEAM. Winners of the "CLUB" WATER POLO COMPETITION, SEASON 1911-12. BACK ROW - A. Martin, W. Salton (Hon. Secretary), W. Martin. CENTRE ROW - B. Erickson, H. Christiansen (Captain), W. Baxter (Vice-Captain), T. Fitzgerald. SITTING G. Erickson.

DRUMMOYNE DEFEATS BONDI TO WIN RAWSON CUP

In a stirring match played at the Domain Baths last night, the strong Drummoyne Club proved too strong for their rivals from Bondi. Drummoyne has now captured the Rawson Cup for a second time. Once again the stars were Byers and Erickson as they dominated their Bondi opposition. Drummoyne's stronger fitness allowed them to overcome some rough play from the boys from Bondi.



Drummoyne Completes Hatrick - 1912, 1913, 1914

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DRUMMOYNE LEADS

Drummoyne's win means they are the first club to win the Rawson Cup on three successive occasions. It is a significant feat and the Erickson, Martin and Byers boys played a major role.

Annual Golf Day



Annual Presentation Nights



Junior Development



This year we saw a large number of children return from last year and a good number of new children registered in the youngest age

group U9/10s.

With just over 90 children registered for the JDP it was great to see large numbers turn up every Friday, even when the weather in the first few weeks was against us, with a few cool rainy nights.

Now to the thank you's because there are plenty, as a program of this magnitude does not happen by waving a magic wand.

First and foremost, thank you to Birkenhead Point Outlet Centre for their generous sponsorship of the JDP. It is a giant help and makes the program possible!

A big thank you to all the children who participated this season and their parents who brought them down each week, especially when we had a few wild weather evenings.

Thank you to all the Men's and Ladies National League players who came down to assist our permanent coaches most weeks.

To all our permanent coaches who not only did a great job with the children each week, but also assisted with the set up and pack up each Friday night. We were very fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated group of coaches ensuring the children always had fun, and each was eager to teach the children some new water polo skills.

A big thank you to :

- Fraser Foristal
- Sam Watson, Steven Xenakis and Lara Murray, who are now veterans of the last couple JDP seasons,
- Luke Collins
- Sarah Cain and
- Josh Sharrock, who didn't miss a week and was always early ready to assist with the pool setup and did a fabulous job with the youngest boys group.

With 90+ kids registered we need more coaches appointed. Without coaches, you do not have a program. We had a goal four years ago to have a regular weekly coach for every age and sex bracket represented. I think this year we nearly achieved this.

Let's hope that more club members like the ones mentioned above see the value and necessity to participate as a regular coach, as this program is where our future champions evolve.

Next, I would like to thank Amalie Ronan, who again handled all the registrations and worked tirelessly in the background ensuring the Friday Night Program ran smoothly.

Now for all the catering I must thank Allan Cain for his tireless work on the BBQ each week cooking 120+ sausages, and the ladies running the kitchen,

who ensured we had enough sausage sandwiches for the hungry masses after the JDP finished each Friday night.

And lastly the biggest thank you to Fran, who bought all the food each week, had our kids ready to go when I rushed in from work each Friday, kept a record of attendees each week, fielded many questions and generally ensured that things ran smoothly in the clubhouse whilst the JDP was running down on pool deck.

Once again thank you to all of the children who participated:

- I hope you've all had a great time this summer,
- made some new friends,
- enjoyed some exercise to end a busy week of school and,
- learned some new water polo skills while having fun with your team mates.

I hope to see you all back next season, either at the next JDP in November later this year or as a member of one of Drummoyne's U14 water polo sides.

I thank everyone who assisted in making this year's Junior Development Program so successful, especially as it was my first year in charge of the program, having taken over the reins from Andrew Murray.

Mark Simpson

Junior Development Program



Treasurer's Report



This year we experienced a \$13,935 loss following profits in the last 2 years of \$31,386 and \$2,013 in 2011/12, after a loss of \$15,905 in

2010/11.

Our revenues were only slightly down, a strong result given it is a non 'Cockle Bay' lunch year, and not hosting the U16 State Championships.

Members fees were only increased by inflation to match the WPNSW increase, and we enjoyed strong revenue contributions from junior development, the Golf Day, sponsorships, the Life Members Lunch and the Red Ball.

Our costs held pretty well except for a sizeable increase in pool hire, partially attributable to a now settled long standing dispute with pool management.

We've got money in the bank, an upcoming Life Members Lunch on 29 August, the Golf Day on 17 October and the big one at Cockle Bay on 27 February next year.

"Your continued support of these events helps us stay solvent and in sound financial shape."

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Again I would like to acknowledge the generosity of our sponsors and the support from our members, parents and supporters.

I would also personally like to thank my fellow committee members and Kevin Prout for his ongoing assistance via his accountancy practice.

Onto the 2014/15 season and more fun/success in and out of the water.

Neale Murphy
Treasurer

Secretary's Report



1. Report of Club's Activities including Audit forwarded to Department of Fair Trading as required by Incorporation.
2. Seven Committee Meetings held between August 2013 & April 2014 – Constitution requires six annually.
3. Referees & Table officials courses held.
4. Ongoing negotiations with Belgravia re pool use.
5. Cordial relations maintained with both WPNSW and AWP.
6. Elise Mirabito & Ryan Lear appointed as Club Captains.
7. Adoption of iSport for recording of registrations, transfers, results, scorers & participating players.

8. Welcome to Drummoyne evening held for juniors, mentoring introduced, meet the parents night conducted.
9. Back to Drummoyne function conducted in conjunction with NL game v Hunter Hurricanes.
10. Christmas function held on a Friday night for first time.
11. Lease of accommodation for NL players & others.
12. Additional juniors introduced to Tuesday night polo.
13. New style apparel introduced.
14. Future Fund abandoned.



Mike Young
Secretary

Men's Water Polo



The Drummoyne men's program enjoyed another successful season with every grade from M1 down to 14B boys represented in the play offs.

While our conversion rate in the finals wasn't as good as hoped, we still managed to get three teams to the grand final with our 14B's unlucky in their first final appearance, while the 14A boys won in a nail biting penalty shootout, and the mighty M3 defended their title in fine form.

Numbers in the juniors were very strong with the club entering a record number of boys in the summer competition. Five of our six junior teams made the play offs.

Our juniors also had great success in their state and national championships, the highlights being a bronze medal in the Col Smee and for the 16A Red Boys at Nationals in Melbourne.

The junior program was again run very successfully by head junior coach, Petar Petrovic. Petar continues to set the standard for development of junior players and the number of juniors playing significant minutes in

our National League side shows the benefits of his relentless pursuit of excellence.

Petar was ably supported in the juniors by our imports Milan Nestic, Teo Galic, Rok Crnica and local Claudio Versi.

Thanks to all the coaches for a job well done during the 2013/14 season.

While National League missed the play offs, if they could have converted a few of the draws and narrow losses, they would have featured prominently in the finals.

They defeated the silver and bronze medallists during the season, indicating how close they were to the top sides.

With a number of the juniors now having experienced their first year of National League, next year promises bigger and better things.

I take this opportunity to thank our outgoing coach, Adam Richardson, for his efforts with the senior men over the previous two seasons. Adam has been forced to relinquish the role due to the pressures of a new job and more importantly a new baby, Rok. Adam has been a great contributor for the club both in and out of the pool and I look forward to his continued involvement next year.

The Saturday first division competition again saw a new pennant in the clubroom with our Men's 3rd grade side defending their title. After the success of last year's M3 we had a number of players putting their hand up for a coveted M3 spot.

With a great mix of youth and experience, the side went through the season largely unchallenged. Spots in the M3 side next year will be as rare as hen's teeth so start training now.

While the other grades fell at the semi-final stage, many players from last year's junior teams and M3 side progressed to first and second grade. The development of our juniors and program of giving players a pathway to senior teams is now really starting to pay dividends for the club.

Our second division teams were boosted this year by a number of juniors playing on Tuesday night. While the mix of juniors and veterans didn't pay dividends this year, we are finally seeing a flow of players from juniors to the Tuesday night competitions which will help the oldies and improve the younger player's polo.

M5 Red somehow managed to lose both finals games after going through the competition undefeated. I am sure they will be keen to make amends next year.

Another great season for the men and all signs are there for many great seasons to come.

Tony Watson

Water Polo Director - Men

Left, Drummoyne Devils vs UNSW Wests in a pre-season National League tournament at Gunnamatta Bay, January 2014



Women's Water Polo



As Director of Women's Water Polo, my congratulations and thanks go to our Head and National League Coach, Steven O'Keefe. I was

Steven's Manager for National League and we had another challenging year.

The side this year was again a smaller squad, but I think the girls developed even more. We improved our ranking this year. We had two girls, Morgan Baxter and Shannan Martin, in the top 25 highest goal scorers.

A big thank you to Jenny MacGregor, our Assistant National League Coach and Coach for the U16s and her own L3 Team.

I would like to thank Meagan Cobb, Brittany Zwirner and Remy Price, our imports from the US, and hope they enjoyed their time at Drummoyne and take back with them some wonderful memories of our Club and the wonderful country they were part of.

To all our other coaches – Michael

Hahn, Emma Hill, Shona O'Brien, Erin Moodie, Lora Cipriani and Paul Becker who devoted their time and energy into coaching our girls – thank you for coming to training every week and coaching the girls on the weekend. I am sure I speak for all the parents who would like to thank you for all your efforts, which are greatly appreciated.

Drummoyne is still the biggest Club in the Sydney Competition, fielding 26 teams over Summer and we should be proud as parents and committee members that the hard work we do is paying off.

Our teams would not function without the help and organisation of the good old Managers. A job well done this year. I do appreciate the role of a Manager and I am sure the coaches are very appreciative of all the work you guys do.

I would also like to thank the parents and grandparents who come along each week to support the girls and boys in our Club.

To Peter Corbett who arranges and organises the equipment and who was

also responsible this year for the set-up of the pool for National League and doing the roster. Thank you. To all the volunteers, the parents who set up the pool and do the card and clocks each week – we rely on you for our Club to function. Another big thanks to Tracey Baxter, who is the kitchen co-ordinator, shopper and cook.

To Anne Farrell who has each week kept us up to date with what is happening in the club, what is happening with our players here, interstate and internationally thank you. You do a wonderful job. To Josh Sharrock who took lots of photos this year and was also our media person, looking after tweeting results. Thank you Josh.

Drummoyne Water Polo Club is a fantastic club with solid parent involvement in the organising of functions and tournaments.

Again this year as Water Polo Director I have been ably supported by the Committee. Thank you to my fellow Committee Members.

Tracey Mirabito

Water Polo Director - Women



Drummoyne Devils Women's NL vs KFC Breakers, Drummoyne Pool, February 2014

Report by Men's Club Captain



With another season done and dusted, this is the time when we look back and reflect on the highs and the lows, the friends and the foes, the screams and the cheers and the tears in your beers.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate and give my thanks to Women's Club Captain Elise Mirabito on what a great job she did this year. I know she has worked incredibly hard, and is very passionate about the club.

The 13/14 season was another big one, with success in both the Men's and Women's teams. The 3rd Red Ball lived up to the hype. Devils young and old scrubbed up and got their dancing shoes on at the beautiful Le Montage on the bay. A few new dance moves were discovered, and a couple of headaches the next day were evident.

Our annual Christmas event 'Cans by Candlelight' saw a change, with the first ever 'Australia Vs Rest of World' game. Players from all walks of life and all grades participated. Unfortunately, Zeus was displeased not to be invited, and a storm caused the game to be cancelled during the 2nd quarter. From my recollection, scores were tied when the officials called it off (Team Rest of World may argue differently). The poor weather couldn't dampen anyone's spirits though, with big numbers heading into the clubroom to belt out some Christmas Carols. There was even a special appearance by 'One Direction'! (Rumours are circulating that they may make another appearance some time soon!)

Plenty of moustaches were sported when Drummoyne hosted our first

ever "Red and White Movember". The "DrumMO Devils" did a great job for their first year, raising more than \$900. We are hoping for a bigger team for next year, so we can raise more money for such a great initiative!

All of these great events break up the monotonous nature of water polo. It will be tough, but we're hoping for bigger and better things for the years to come!

There is a saying that gets thrown around at Drummoyne a fair bit. Whether it be in the water, up at the clubroom, at the pub or on Facebook - the question is always asked: "Do you wanna be a Devil?!"

"The question is always asked: 'Do you wanna be a Devil?!'"

This inspiring question has been around for eternities. There are actually rumors of Neil Armstrong being too afraid to step out onto the moon, until Buzz Aldrin whispered into their communication device, "It's just one small step, man. Do you wanna be a devil?!"*

There are also tales that date even further back to Shakespearean times. In my favorite play of his - 'King Lear' - loosely based on a relative of mine - it is found. A longer edition of the play was discovered in which the King himself states, "Doth thou desire to be thy Devil?!"*

* "Facts" may have been created to exaggerate the point of my story.

My first recollection of "Do you wanna be a Devil?!" was my first ever road trip to Perth for National League. Unfortunately, due to a signed contract I cannot discuss the events that occurred during those 5 days. All I can share is that I came back with a smile on

my face, a brand new mohawk haircut and a better understanding of "Do you wanna be a Devil?!"

So what is 'being a Devil?!' Being a Devil is being tough in the water, and having fun out of it. Being a Devil is about being 10 goals up or 10 goals down, and still playing hard and playing fair. You have every other Devils' back, and you know that they have yours. Being a Devil is about almost getting into a fight with the player you're marking, and then having a laugh with them after the game. I'm sure all of you would agree with me when I say that we have one of the best competitive and social water polo clubs in Australia (if not the world!).

I would like to conclude by thanking everyone who has helped out throughout the season. There are way too many people to name, but every contribution - whether big or small - is appreciated by everyone in the club. Any kind of support: from putting the goals in and cooking the BBQ, to coming down and supporting all our teams. It's these great efforts that help make our club the awesome community it is.

I am a believer that 'positivity is contagious'. I am very passionate about this club, and believe we have great people that result in the great DWPC environment we all know and love.

It's going to be hard to beat, but here's looking forward to a bigger and better 2014/15 season. See you all at the Devils playground, but before I go, I ask you this...

DO YOU WANNA BE A DEVIL?!

LEARO #20

Ryan Lear
Men's Club Captain #2

Report by Women's Club Captain



The Drummoyne Devils have had a very successful season with 26 teams participating in the 2013/14-summer competition.

The season has seen a number of events involving people from all over the club: Cans by Candlelight, The Red Ball, Movemeber and junior development and a number of coaching clinics. It is very exciting to watch the growth and development of Drummoyne, not only in the water but out of the water as well.

One of the main ideas that Ryan and I wanted to implement as club captains was developing a sense of community and really creating unity between the junior and senior members within the club, and it's fantastic to see this happening.

This is my first year as club captain and I am very proud to be involved in such an exciting role. This opportunity has really given me the chance to be involved in the club and give back to a community that has given me so much. This role has really provided me with an understanding of how the club works and all of the hard work and dedication that goes on behind the scenes to ensure our players and parents receive the holistic Devil experience. In addition I have also experienced committee meetings and been involved in the decision making process, providing me with the pleasure of meeting a fantastic group of people from around the club.

The role of club captain is truly an honour and an amazing way to give back and get involved in the club. I would recommend and encourage all

of the senior members of the club to consider the role for 2015 and see what exciting ideas you could bring to the club.

"...what sets our club above the rest is the ongoing support and sense of community that has been built over the years."

I strongly believe that the Devils' success should not only be measured by our countless achievements in the water and the premiership flags hanging in the clubroom, but also by our sense of pride and unity out of the water. I can proudly say that I have been a Devil for more than eight years now and it is with this first hand experience that I can say, what sets our club above the rest is the ongoing support and sense of community that has been built over the years.

A special thanks to my co-captain Ryan Lear for all of his support and expertise. He not only managed to play a successful National League season

but also managed to find time to help organize and be involved in all of the events at Drummoyne in addition to putting out a fire or two. Thank you Ryan: your passion and dedication to the Drummoyne Devils is greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank all the Devils for making our season such a successful one. Whether it was playing competitively in the national league or having a go at social polo with mates. A shout out to all the coaches for putting up with the girls and boys this past season. I know first hand it's not an easy task but we made it through.

And finally a big thank you to all the parents who are down at the Devils playground week in, week out either showing support or helping out in the kitchen or bar. You all do such a fantastic job and truly make the club what it is today so THANK YOU!

PROUD TO BE A DEVIL!

Elise Mirabito #6

Elise Mirabito

Women's Club Captain #2



L-R: Teo Galic, Rok Crnica, Elise Mirabito, Ryan Lear, Kaitlin Laycock at Buddies Night

2013 Sports Citizen of the Year

A highlight of the year was our Girls U14A team being recognised as the City of Canada Bay's 2013 Sports Citizen of the Year.

The award was presented at an Australia Day Ceremony held on 26 January at Cabarita Park.

The award was in recognition of the team's outstanding success across the Sydney, State and National Club Championships, in which they won the gold medal at each.

The team was made up of Nicole Chaney, Emma Jones, Isabella Faulder, Kayla Rogers, Olivia Hill, Ruby Borozan, Phoebe Pride, Jasmine Yip, Sarah Kerrison, Gabby Hall and Lilli Borozan. It was coached by Ash Faulder and managed by Cheryl Jones.

A wonderful achievement girls!



Just some of our representative moments...



Serena Reid & Justin Trabinger at the World University Games in Kazan, Russia, July 2013



Devils who represented NSW at the East Coast Challenge, July 2013. L-R Angus Rankin (Blue Team), Edoardo Fumagalli (Blue Team), Daniel Lukic (Blue Team), Ned Churchyard (Blue Team), Joe Kospetas (Waratah Team), Daniel Corbett (Waratah Team)



Shannan Martin, Tracey Mirabito and Morgan Baxter with their bronze medals at the International Junior Women's Tournament, Hungary in August 2013



Above: Devils at Water Polo by the Sea, January 2014. L-R, John Hahn (AUS), and Rok Crnica, Teo Galic, Ridzyk Zoltan and Milan Nestic (All Stars)



Left: Some of the Devils representing either CCC, CHS or CIS at NSW Boys All Schools Trials, March 2014: Daniel Corbett, Daniel Lukic, Michael Sohns, Joshua Sharrock, Rowan Farrell, Gianni Taranto, Mitchell Taylor, Chris Artemi, Adam Hall, Lachlan Davis, Liam Wheatley, Harry Tunstall, Charlie Kospetas and James Hayward



Thanks Mike!



Lots of sporting clubs have members who've helped out for many years. But not many clubs can boast having a member who's held a key position for many of the past 38 years!

Here at the Devils we owe a huge debt of gratitude to our Secretary, Mike Young.

Mike is a Life Member and a true veteran of the club, having joined the Devils in Summer 1973 and taking on the role of Secretary in 1976 - a position he's held on and off in the years since.

Mike retires from the role in July 2014, and we thank him for having 'stepped up' whenever he's been asked over the decades.

We're pleased to say Mike will continue to play this summer with his team, M6.

"I'm very proud that I can still play at the ripe old age of 66 and be competitive! It's possible I could be still playing at 70," he says. "For me, water polo is a way of life. I like the fact that when October rolls around, I'll be heading out on Tuesday nights to play."

Major award winners 2013/14

At our 2013/14 Presentation Night, John Hahn was named winner of our Michael Corry Clubman of the Year Award and Josh Sharrock, won our Garry Nicholls Junior of the Year.

Both John and Josh have contributed substantially to the club, not just this year, but over many seasons. Interestingly, both are also goalies!

John has been a Devil since the age of 12. He's well known for responding positively to anything asked of him. Over the years he's coached Junior Development, and during the past year, on occasions he's coached M3, M2, U18s, U20s, and he was the rock that held his National League team together.

His commitment to training is first class and he is always dedicated and professional. A true clubman, John takes an interest in both the ladies and men's sides of the club and can be seen at junior games as well. Any event the club holds, John plays an integral role in organising and gathering support.

John has represented Australia at Junior, University and Senior levels

and he is looked up to by all.

Like John, Josh has always played for Drummoyne, coming up through Junior Development. This year, Josh has assisted with every JDP session - rain, hail or shine. Josh has also shown great commitment to training, and he was our official photographer at our NL home games. Josh took on the club's

responsibility for tweeting NL scores, and he could always be seen packing up at the end of the night. Keeping us up to date with the latest trends, Josh also initiated an Instagram account for the club.

Thank you John and Josh for your outstanding support!



L-R John Hahn, winner of our Michael Corry Clubman of the Year award and Josh Sharrock, winner of our Garry Nicholls Junior of the Year.

A family affair

Drummoyne is a family club that includes multiple members of many families. Here are some 'family' pics from the past year or so...



The Drummoyne L2 Black & Red teams played each other on 28 January.
2 x 3 sisters and 3 x 2 sisters!

These were: Nicola, Kate and Lily Murphy; Erin, Nicole and Megan Moodie;
Alana and Emma Jones; Ellen and Amy Pittorino; Elise and Georgia Mirabito.
L2 Black won the match 8-5.



Ryan, Tommy, James and JJ Brennan played together in M5 Red at home in
Dec 2013.



(Above) Blake, James & Chris Artemi



(Right) Ruby & Lilli Borozan

Who else?

- Morgan & Kelsey Baxter
- Justin & Lachlan Trabiner
- Josh, Luke, James & Michael Hayward
- Greta, Beth & Hannah Conlan
- Sarah, Anna & Liam Corry
- James (Snr) and James (Jnr), Emma and Ben Tuite
- Michael, John, Rob, PJ & Ellen Hahn
- Georgia & Hannah Gray
- Andrew, Benji & Cara Murray
- Gabby, Phoebe & Adam Hall
- Jasmine & Sam Yip
- Paul, Jo & Genevieve Becker
- Gianni, Gabi & Eddie Taranto
- Georgia & Tom Southern
- Mackenzie & Ryan Marnell
- Sarah & Amy Harnwell
- Lachlan & Angus Davis
- Charlie & Joe Kospetas
- Eli & Jesse Deloraine
- Liam & Lauren Wheatley
- Emma & Tori Workman
- Ted, Sarah & Ned Churchyard
- Adam & Grant Richardson
- Elise & Mitchell Holden
- Gabby & Sam Watson
- Fraser & Joel Foristal
- Will & Mikey Parker
- David & Matt Henricks
- Josh & Kayla Rogers
- Tyler & Shannan Martin

Under 14A Girls

TEAM

Tori Workman
Phoebe Hall
Clare Dunkerley
Lillian Hunt
Georgia Smith
Maddison Grillo
Georgia Gray
Emily McCloskey
Tessa Barry
Caitlyn Murray [Nationals]
Emily Peeters [Nationals]
Emma Stockton [Nationals]

The 14A Girls should be very proud of their efforts this season with some well-deserved results in the State and National Competitions.

This group of girls have grown over the season and were always dedicated and determined when it came to games of importance.

Although we came 5th in the metro comp, many games were only lost by one goal to the top teams. We only had nine players and no Goalie so it was a wonderful effort from every girl and they always played with a great

team spirit.

The girls played very well in Junee at the State Champs and finished third in their pool to the eventual finalists Cronulla and Hunter, and only lost by one goal to the gold medallists Hunter in the round games.

Three girls from the team were selected for the Talented Athlete Program – congratulations to Emily, Phoebe and Georgia.

“At the National U14s Tournament the Girls played well and grew as a team.”

At the National U14s Tournament the girls played well and grew as a team.

During the round games we held one of the favoured teams Balmain to a 3 all draw. Emma Stockton (who we recruited from Queensland) saved a 5m penalty goal in the last play of the game.

We crossed over to the second Group in the bottom 12 but won all our games

to qualify for a Semi-final where we met WA team Triton who were too good for us on the day.

We played off for the Bowl final on the Final Day and were victorious winning the game against Brisbane Barracudas 6-2.

The girls were presented with the Bowl trophy by Drummoynes Morgan Baxter from the Australian All Stars Team.

Overall, the girls had a great season as they made new friendships and developed confidence to play against the more experienced teams.

Jenny Gray
Manager

Coach: Shona O'Brien (Metro/State)
Coach: Erin Moodie/Lora Cipriani (Nationals)
Manager: Jenny Gray
MVP: Georgia Gray
MIP: Georgia Smith



Under 14B Girls

TEAM

Olivia Patrick
Cara Murray
Mary Pothas
Caitlyn Murray
Kathrin Germanos
Gabrielle Cain
Kate Coyne
Emily Peeters
Gabrielle Costantino
Jaime McIntosh
Chelsey Johnson
Macy Hansford

What a team! I was SUPER proud to be involved with this 14B team, and being very new to coaching at Drummoyne, I was unsure what to expect.

What I found was a team of girls who had mostly never played water polo before, let alone together in a team!

They worked so hard each and every training session, learnt sooo much and had MANY great wins throughout the metro season!

At the end of the season they travelled to Wagga Wagga to participate in the Club Championships – and didn't they

make an impression!!!

After the first game, those watching were wondering if they were the Drummoyne A team or the B team!

*“So proud of each
and every one
of the girls in this team.”*

So proud of each and every one of the girls in this team. They became such great friends, learnt to work really well together and encouraged each other through every training session

and game!

It has been a great honour coaching such a gorgeous bunch of girls, you should all be very proud of all your achievements this season!

Lora Cipriani
Coach/Manager

Coach: Lora Cipriani
Manager: Lora Cipriani
MVP: Cara Murray
MIP: Jaime McIntosh



Under 14A Boys - PREMIERS

TEAM

Justin Kim
Ethan Parker
Benjamin Murray
Angus Davis
Justin McLean
James Artemi
Thomas Lindfield-Kent
Bronson Ronan
Sam Yip
Joe Kospetas
Jarrah Ronan
Jacob Gadiel
Will Cornish



[14A Boys continued]

Expectations were high following a narrow loss for most of the boys in winter comp. The summer season did not disappoint, with the team proudly bringing home the first ever Devils Boys 14A title, in highly spectacular fashion.

The early part of the comp proved mostly uneventful. The boys reached Christmas as comp leaders; the real concern at times being the lack of regular strong competition to toughen up the team for the run into the finals.

Post-Christmas, it was a different story. While all teams underwent considerable improvement, it was clear that Cronulla and Wests would provide strong opposition at the business end. After some stumbles, the Devils dropped down the table, but finally knuckled down to narrowly claim the minor premiership.

“The grand final offered up true finals drama.”

A first up loss to Cronulla in the semis saw the boys having to reach the grand final the hard way. Strong defence saw the team overcome a clever Wests team by 6-2 in the play-off, to set up the re-match with Cronulla.

The grand final offered up true finals drama. Down 6-4 with 1 minute 27 seconds to go, and two key players rolled, chances of victory were fast slipping away.

An opportunistic goal saw the Devils back in the hunt. With 12 seconds left, the scores were levelled. Robust defence in the dying seconds forced a penalty shoot-out. A bunch of boys stepped up, most with little experience of taking penalties. In the pressure cooker atmosphere, not a shot was missed! Cronulla stumbled on their 6th penalty, and the Devils finally bagged



the title.

This win clearly showed that grand finals are won by teams not individuals, and highlighted the depth across the squad.

With the state and national titles all coming within the following 14 days, it was difficult to rise to the same heights of the grand final win, particularly with adjustment to the new rules applying for those titles.

The boys were not quite up to it on the day in the semis at state, going down in a see-sawing game to eventual winners Wests by 8-11.

A modified squad took on the modified rules at Nationals. Thanks to Adam Somboli, Eddie Taranto, Braydon Gossling and Ben Wastie-Pero from the 14Bs for boosting the squad in Brisbane. This year the interstate competition proved too strong and more adept at the new rules. The boys finished second in the group stage to eventual winners Melbourne Collegians, but found the cross-overs more challenging. A finish in the final 8 was a creditable end to a fine season.

The team was ably coached by Milan Nestic, when his NL commitments allowed. Special mention goes out to

Andrew Murray, not only for stepping in as coach at State, but for his role in development of most of the players, some over several years.

The 2014 title was a work in progress of Muz's for about 3 years.

Thanks to all parents who helped out in various capacities over the season, and to Mark Ronan in the very difficult role of junior co-ordinator.

Finally, congratulations boys on a job well done!

David Parker
Manager

Coach: Milan Nestic
Manager: David Parker
MVP: Joe Kospetas
MIP: Bronson Ronan



Under 14B Boys

TEAM

Alex Chambers
Brayden Gossling
Ethan Hansford
Will Kablau
Jack Pringle
Adam Somboli
Nikita Strbac
Eddie Taranto
Ben Tuite
Ben Wastie-Pero
Ned Wieland

With the coaching fire power behind this team (Milan's strong sense of discipline and Rok's ability to instantly connect with the boys) it was no surprise the team got off to a great start and dominated for the entire season, losing only one match to the worthy rival, Cronulla.

The season stats speak for themselves: the team finished minor premiers, on top of the ladder with 49 points, scoring 213 goals and only conceding 35, with the boys claiming 3 of the top 5 positions on the goal scoring ladder. No other team in the junior men's comp (U14A/B, 16A/B, 18) finished with more points than this team.

“The 14B boys displayed strong team unity throughout the season”

In the semi final, the boys faced-off in an exciting game against Cronulla once again, and this time winning 5-4 under the coaching leadership of Andrew Murray who was standing in for Rok due to his NL commitments (and without the regular goalie). This win spear-headed the team straight into the grand final at SOPAC, and again, against Cronulla.

In the grand final, the boys started strongly with an opening goal on the stop-clock by Ben Tuite to elevate the

tension. Ben Wastie-Pero followed with a flier not long after to take the team to a 2-0 lead. Cronulla wasn't about to rollover however and they evened up the score to 2-2 in the closing moments of the first quarter. The match followed a similar course until the end of the third phase when the Devil's winning run dried-up, Cronulla finally claiming victory over the boys 10-6.

The 14B boys displayed strong team unity throughout the season and for some of them it was their first foray into the sport of water polo. Their eagerness to play the game was matched only by their willingness to learn. The whole team showed great

promise, commitment, sportsmanship and future potential that will no doubt carry them forward into next season as they grow and improve.

Janelle Urquhart
Co-Manager

Game Coach: Rok Crnica
Weekday Training: Milan Nestic

Managers: Bob Chambers & Janelle Urquhart
MVP: Eddie Taranto
MIP: Ben Tuite



Under 16A Girls Red - PREMIERS

TEAM

Emma Workman
Emma Jones
Kayla Rogers
Emma Tuite
Shania Mitchell
Sarah Cain
Ruby Borozan
Savannah Henshaw
Sarah Kerrison
Zoe Whelan-Young
Lilli Borozan [State Championships]

It was a successful season overall in many ways for this team. The team finished the Metropolitan competition as minor premiers and went on to take the gold medal.

They gained a place in the Grand Final by defeating Cronulla in the major semi in a penalty shootout where all five girls successfully put away their first shot.

The Grand Final against UNSW was a game built on some very strong defence which only allowed UNSW to score one goal early in the first quarter. From here our effort and determination stepped up. Taking a slender lead 2-1 at half time we headed into the third quarter with the feeling that we had the better of the opposition. The money quarter was ours we shot to a 4-1 lead by the finish of the quarter. It was just defence, more defence and more, more defence in the final quarter. The final score was 4-1 and the gold medal was ours.

State Championships - 3rd place

Lilli Borozan joined our team for the State Championships.

The team finished in 3rd position which was a little disappointing. During the rounds we had the following results:
Ryde 12-1 win
ACT 15-0 win
SNB Breaker White 13-0
Quarter Final Balmain 12-0



In the semi-final against Ovens and Murray a lot more was required than had been needed in our previous four games for the weekend. The lead seen though the first three quarters to be 4-4 going into the final period. With the following against us: the wind, the shallow end of the pool and the no goal call, it wasn't to be our game. We went down 6-4 in the game that all describe as the real grand final for the weekend.

There were many individual achievements though the season. Emma Jones and Emma Workman were selected in the B98 squad to play in the PANPAC tournament in Auckland in July, and Emma Jones was also selected to play a Series against the NZ B98 following the PANPAC.

Emma Tuite, Savannah Henshaw and Zoe Whelan-Young have been selected in the city team to play in the PANPAC tournament. Kayla Rogers has been selected in the NSW CHS U15 to play in the PANPACs also.

Personally I would like to thank my manager, Wendy Tuite who is always there when things need to be done.

I would like to thank all the team members for their continued effort at training. Let's continue to strive for success in Canberra via Hawaii.

Jenny MacGregor
Coach

Coach: Jenny MacGregor
Manager: Wendy Tuite
MVP: Emma Jones
MIP: Zoe Whelan-Young

Under 16A Girls Black

TEAM

Nicole Chaney
Lilli Borozan
Phoebe Pride
Gabby Hall
Olivia Hill
Mikayla Skarzynski
Jasmine Yip
Annabelle Bennett
Jemma Hoskinson
Georgia Southern
Lauren Wheatley
Laura Donnellan
Rebecca Smith
Gabi Taranto
Maddison King
Merissa Perivolarellis

Drummoyne is very fortunate to have plenty of depth in the B98/99 group. A very committed group who started preparing for the long hot summer back in April 2013, when I still had colour in my hair.

The season kicked off with the Drummoyne Killer Bees heading south to Hobart to qualify for the finals. Very pleasing that the girls put into play the defensive work with only one blow out on the scoreboard, and solid results against the eventual winners in a pool round and bronze medalists in the knock out stages.

Returning home to the summer competition we lost a couple of close games but came home strong on the back of some very strong defense to snatch a draw against UNSW to just miss out on qualifying for the final four.

With the 2013 NSW Club Championships being staged as a warm up event for the 2014 winter comp, the commitment and enthusiasm was still very evident. This was largely thanks to the girls' enthusiasm and great work of our manager, motivator, super shopper and chief lolly supplier, aka Jenny B.



Unfortunately the count back rule killed us and we missed out on the finals after a great draw against Central Coast. We got over that disappointment and won our last game, defeating Hunter to cap off a memorable season.

Many thanks for an enjoyable season and support from all the parents and helpers. Well done everyone who achieved success with selection in the many representative teams selected during the season. Don't worry about

what you didn't achieve, worry about what needs to be done to achieve your goals. And if you don't, get back on the horse and try again! If you are on the horse you need to work harder!

See you all on pool deck.

Michael Hahn
Coach

Coach: Michael Hahn
Manager: Jenny Borozan
MVP: Lilli Borozan
MIP: Georgia Southern

16 Girls Black at
Nationals in Hobart,
October 2013



Under 16B Girls

TEAM

Genevieve Becker
Sophia Taylor
Connie Platania
Maddie Dunne
Rebecca Smith
Lauren Wheatley
Merissa Perivoularis
Gabi Taranto
Maddie Tilyard
Maddie King
Dani McKay
Laura Donnellan

A successful Grand Final victory in the Winter 2013 comp saw a number of girls promoted to the higher teams and some new faces in the 16Bs.

The renewed team played with much enthusiasm and the focus was on developing personal skills and a basic game plan.

While being predominantly a social side, the girls all had a hunger at match

time and their competitive instincts saw some good results.

Particularly pleasing was the improvement from the less experienced players through the season. Some of the more experienced girls grew remarkably in skill and ability and will be in a good position to take their water polo to a higher level.

“Knocking out Ryde on penalties in the semi-final and losing to Cronulla by one goal in the grand final indicated just how close the top three were.”

By the end of the season each of the top three teams had beaten each other, often by a single goal. Finishing in third place, we followed Cronulla and Ryde into the semi's.

Knocking out Ryde on penalties in the semi-final and losing to Cronulla by one goal in the grand final indicated just how close the top three were.

Overall most girls achieved our aims of trying their hardest, improving, and having fun. Especially the latter, which is entirely appropriate for this age and grade. Our MVP was Lauren Wheatley and Most Improved Player was Maddie Dunne.

Thanks to a supportive and friendly parent group and Joanne Court, negotiating the difficult trifecta of team manager, coach's wife, and team referee.

Paul Becker
Coach

Coach: Paul Becker
Manager: Joanne Court
MVP: Lauren Wheatley
MIP: Maddie Dunne



Under 16A Boys

TEAM

Lachlan Davis
Cooper Steen
Angus Rankin
Andre Crkvencic
Liam Corry
Ned Churchyard
Rory Williams
Matt Dembecki
Joe Kospetas
Chris Artemi
Blake Artemi

The 16 Reds finished the summer competition on top of the ladder but were unfortunately knocked out in the sudden death semi final in penalty shoot out.

Those fortunate enough to be sitting at Ryde pool that day witnessed a superhuman effort from the boys. In the 2 weeks prior, due to injury, illness and overseas school commitments, team training had as many absentees as attenders.

On the day of the match Chris and Blake Artemi came off an overnight plane trip from Hong Kong stiff and lethargic, declaring themselves too fatigued to play. "Just 2 minutes each quarter," the coach requested.

By game time the Devils united to give it their best shot. By the last quarter the team had endured players vomiting due to illness, painful numb shoulders and a torn groin muscle.

With 1.8 seconds left in the match Sydney University scored to lead by one. The Devils went silent. University were celebrating. The Manager starting packing up. But our coach wasn't finished.

"Time out," yelled Petar. Sydney University became hysterical at Petar's desperation, whistling and jeering him loudly. The boys huddled for the final

instruction..... Spread out to create a pathway to the goal... Make waves to unsettle the goalie... Hands together 1,2,3 Devils!!!!

Time-on, blows the referee... Lachlan to Chris ... shot ... bounce ...goal to the Devils!

The 16 Reds showed tremendous spirit, heart and potential.

Congratulations to all the boys on a wonderful season, and to Petar Petrovic, the "Wayne Bennett" of water polo.

Phil Artemi
Manager

Coach: Petar Petrovic
Manager: Phil Artemi
MVP: Chris Artemi
MIP: Blake Artemi



Under 16A Boys Black

TEAM

Callum Rodgers
Daniel Corbett
Daniel Lukic
Dylan Higgs
Harry Gilkes
Michael Hayward
Michael Sohns
Nick Reid
Oscar Ryan
Stacey Marantos
Taylor McDonald

It was a very challenging year for the M16A Black team playing as Drummoyne's second team in the A competition. With the team split evenly between boys born in 1998 (the old guard) and 1999 (the young guns), the team bravely took on six other club teams including the Reds.

In what is arguably the country's best M16 league, the boys acquitted themselves well against their opposition, often with nine players, and sometimes with players from the M14 team playing up. While the team struggled against heavyweights Drummoyne Red, UNSW Wests and Sydney University, the team was extremely competitive against the best players from Balmain, Cronulla and SNB Breakers.

In the first round against Balmain at Dawn Fraser, the Blacks triumphed 6-4 in a very spirited match playing with 9 players, and finishing with 8 after a player fouled out early in the 3rd quarter. In the second round against Balmain the Black team again conceded home ground advantage and suffered a narrow 7-4 loss. The Blacks peppered the Balmain goal but alas hit the woodwork far more than the back of the net. On another day several of the boys could have had their hat-trick.

In the second round against Cronulla's best 13, the team had an outstanding 7-7 draw at the Sutherland Leisure Centre. The nine member Black side, cursed by injury, went behind 3 nil, only to come back courtesy of an outstanding performance by Taylor (6 goals) and Dylan. Drummoyne had the last attack of the match, and despite dominating the last 3 quarters, could not grab the winner.

In the third round, the Blacks travelled North to compete against SNB Breakers. The Blacks were eager to avenge a spiteful first round match at the same venue which saw the ejection of two players.

"I speak for all parents when I say how proud we are of the Black Team who turned up and competed every week against the toughest opposition."

With coach Claudio on NL Duty, the role of coach was left to a few parent helpers. With the chief strategy being 'go out and have fun', the Blacks played with a devil-may-care attitude. Despite going down early the team won the 2nd half but alas went down courageously.

Although the Blacks ultimately lost, the match was memorable because in the dying seconds the Black team earned their first and only 5m penalty of the season. Funny because the referee confirmed after the match that it had been mistakenly awarded (interestingly no referee offered to give me the same advice in relation to a 5m we conceded – and we conceded on average two 5m penalties per game – sick joke, possibly – ironic, definitely).

Funnier still was the execution of the

penalty, which hit the woodwork with the Blacks shooter eager to donut the Breakers 190+ cm keeper. Despite losing, the boys smiled hard and laughed long in the aftermath of that match. A true testament to their spirit and character – parents of the Blacks you have produced some wonderful kids!

As another coach confided to me "It's better to be last in the city than first in the village."

With that probably defining the Blacks season, I speak for all parents when I say how proud we are of the Black Team who turned up and competed every week against the toughest opposition.

My heartiest thanks go to Coach Claudio and the wonderful parents of the Black Team.

Stephen Lukic
Manager

Coach: Claudio Versi
Manager: Stephen Lukic
MVP: Dylan Higgs
MIP: Michael Hayward



Under 16B Boys Black

TEAM

Billy Dodds
Patrick Zadow
Josh McMahon
Josh Ho
Tom Brennan
Jye Stanton
Alex Neethling
James Tuite
Tom Vass
Jack Spooner

The 16Bs 2013-14 season, while finishing on a disappointing note, proved to be a most enjoyable and successful year for the boys.

The team reached the semi finals and really did us proud in every match they played against during the season. We

bowed out to an SNB side who took us by surprise in the semi final.

The season was not without its challenges, not the least that we did not have a dedicated coach.

However this did not seem to worry the boys and not only did they enjoy their games, but really seemed to gel together as a group.

“The team as a whole should be proud of their efforts. They were a credit to themselves, their parents and the club.”

They improved each week and one could sense they are a team who have

great promise in the years ahead.

When Teo was able to attend games and training he stipulated “if we get the defence right” the “attack will look after itself”. This proved correct and we rarely allowed the opposition to score easily.

The team as a whole should be proud of their efforts. They were a credit to themselves, their parents and the club.

James Brennan
Coach

Coach: James Brennan
Manager: Wendy Tuite
MVP: Patrick Zadow
MIP: Tom Vass



Under 18 Girls

TEAM

Lara Murray
Mackenzie Marnell
Kaitlin Laycock
Nicole Moodie
Megan Moodie
Alex Corbett
Sarah Harnwell
Hannah Gray
Georgia Mirabito
Emma Tuite
Savannah Henshaw
Emma Jones
Zoe Whelan-Young
Shania Mitchell

The U18 age group is always a challenge with plenty of activities in and out of the water pulling the girls in all directions. A good preparation leading into the summer comp led to some great results and a bronze medal in the NSW Club Championships in January against all the top clubs. Our second half semi-

final fight back against Hunter was one of the season highlights.

Some fortune in the draw at the pointy end of the summer comp saw us qualify for the Grand Final and snare a silver medal. We played a strong opening half however too many defensive errors and turnovers in attack in the second half were reflected in the final score which was not a reflection of our effort in the first half.

In what was turning out to be a very long season, the strong early season form did not continue into April where some patchy performances to finish 6th at the Nationals was a reflection of our preparation in the back half of the season.

Congratulations to everyone in the Drummoyne U18 team. Many thanks for an enjoyable season. Well done everyone who achieved success with

selection in the many representative teams selected during the season. Don't worry about what you didn't achieve, worry about what needs to be done to achieve your goals. And if you don't, get back on the horse and try again! If you are on the horse you need to work harder!

Thank you to Rob Laycock who managed the team with great support from the many parents and helpers in the group. Without this support network we would not have achieved the success we did.

See you all on pool deck.

Michael Hahn
Coach

Coach: Michael Hahn
Manager: Rob Laycock
MVP: Lara Murray
MIP: Hannah Gray



Under 18 Boys

TEAM

Steven Xenakis
James Hayward
Adam Hall
Mitchell Taylor
Joshua Rogers
Charlie Kospetas
Sam Watson
Rowan Farrell
Gianni Taranto
Emanuele Ronconi
Liam Wheatley
Harry Tunstall
Joshua Sharrock
Lachlan Trabinger
Ryan Brennan
Henry Frank

18s started the summer comp with two strong looking teams but unfortunately numbers couldn't be sustained and they had to combine into one team of 16 players.

On paper they were a hot team and some games they played that way! Unfortunately there were many challenges throughout the season and one being that we had to have a roster.

This made it difficult to get consistency within the team. Other distractions like the HSC and National League also factored into our roster and availability of players!

The boys played some great games and had some good wins over the eventual Grand Final teams Cronulla and Wests, so they knew they were in the mix and very capable even though they were a young 18s side. They finished the season in 4th place.

State Championships were in early January and so many lucky families were on holidays (don't they know there is always a tournament on during holidays!!!)

The boys finished in 5th place and in



doing so gave Hunter a very big scare as they nearly defeated the favourites.

They trained hard in the lead up to Nationals in Perth in April. The boys were looking very strong but unfortunately a few weeks before the competition they lost 2 key players to injury. With a team of 9, 2 of them goalies (and very good ones at that!) they finished in 6th place.

Look out next year - they will be

claiming some titles!

A FANTASTIC bunch of boys and parents who made my job as manager very easy.

Sue Sharrock
Manager

Coach: Petar Petrovic
Manager: Sue Sharrock
MVP: Steven Xenakis
MIP: Sam Watson



Women's National League & L1

TEAM - National League

Serena Reid
Alana Jones
Ellen Hahn
Danielle Carr
Shannan Martin
Brittany Zwirner
Katie Laycock
Fiona Walsh
Karlee Assef
Morgan Baxter
Alex Corbett
Remi Price
Meagan Cobb
Kelsey Baxter
Stephanie Calaizis

TEAM - L1

Serena Reid
Alana Jones
Ellen Hahn
Erin Moodie
Kelsey Baxter
Brittany Zwirner
Katie Laycock
Fiona Walsh
Karlee Assef
Morgan Baxter
Alex Corbett
Steph Calaizis

Looking back over the past L1 Summer and National League seasons, we had some big achievements. It must be noted that for the first time in the club's history, the L1 Women's Team competed in the Sydney Metro Grand Final. And although the result was not another first in victory, I feel that this year the girls are starting to understand what is needed to be in the top teams within the Sydney Metro Competition and the National League. I would like to thank all the members of the L1/National League Squad for their commitment throughout the season.

Still boasting one of the best junior programs in the nation, I feel the Women's side of the club is still in a very healthy position for long term growth and development of our athletes.

Drummoyne Women continue to have success in junior competitions (State and National) which forge a continued development pathway into our senior teams. I would like to acknowledge the continued efforts of Jenny MacGregor and Michael Hahn for the tireless work within the junior program.

Again as for last year and competing in the Sydney Metro Grand Final, I went into the National League Season with high expectations of finishing in the top 6 and playing finals. Although the results do not reflect a strong performance, I believe that the playing group did perform well and did improve on last year's performance.

Some interesting notes of the National League Season:

- Morgan Baxter and Shannan Martin were in top 20 goals scorers for the National League Season.
- Morgan Baxter was selected for the National League All Stars game.
- Drummoyne was the only team below 4th placed Sydney Uni to beat Victoria, and our second game was a narrow one goal loss.
- Our goal difference against the undefeated Barracudas was 7 over the two games, equal lowest with the Breakers.
- Drummoyne were the only team in the bottom 4 to defeat the Breakers, and we had a positive goal difference against them over the two games.
- We had 5 one goal losses.
- Drummoyne were in 6th place in goals scored, well ahead of all other teams in the bottom 6.

Having five one goal losses reflects the closeness of the games and how the team has improved from last season. The ability to close out games, execute situations and to not have lapses in concentration for one quarter may have resulted in our favour rather than

the loss. The ability to focus for the entire duration of a game and control and execute specific systems when needed is something that will need to improve moving forward into next year's competitions.

I would like to thank Meagan Cobb and Serena Reid for their leadership within the playing group. Meagan, who returned to the club after last year, did a great job with Serena in leading the team through the season. To all the girls who competed in the L1/National League Squads thank you for the great season and I hope that you all are as keen as I am to make the following season a bigger success with many great outcomes.

Congratulations to Morgan Baxter for being selected in the Senior Women's World Cup Squad, Shannan Martin and Morgan Baxter who competed in the World Junior Championships, Fiona Walsh and Ellen Hahn who were selected in the Australian Junior World Championship Squad and Alex Corbett selected in the Australian Youth Squad. And all the girls who were selected to represent NSW at various age groups.

Last but no means least, a big thank you to Tracey Mirabito. Again Tracey's continued support throughout the season was nothing short of fantastic. Tracey not only is the manager of the L1/National League Squad she is a friend, negotiator, mother to the players and a brilliant statistician, and I could not do my job as coach without her. Thank you.

Steven O'Keefe
Coach

Coach: Steven O'Keefe
Manager: Tracey Mirabito
MVP NL: Meagan Cobb
MIP NL: Karlee Assef
MIP L1: Morgan Baxter
MIP L1: Alana Jones

Devils ladies at work...



Devils in action at Gunnamatta Bay, pre-season tournament, January 2014.

...and at play



At the Red Ball, March 2014

From the Captains of Women's National League



Serena and I really enjoyed being team captains of the 2014 Drummoyne Devils! We saw a huge improvement in our record this year. While our main goal is always to secure a spot in finals, this season was Drummoyne's most successful season in many years, and we are happy with our development throughout. With only two wins last season, we were able to improve exponentially with seven wins and one tie this year. The Drummoyne ladies finished second during finals in the Sydney Competition and kept that momentum going into the National League season opener vs KFC Breakers winning 11-7 in front of a large home crowd.

While our team is quite young, with the majority of players under 20, it was great to see how well our team worked together, translating into some big wins. With two new imports, additional players added to the roster, and young players really stepping up, the team moulded together into one strong unit. Brittany (Princeton) and Remy (California Berkley) were able to bring a lot of talent, experience, and positive energy onto the pool deck.

It was exciting to see some young players take personal responsibility in a big way. Adding Dani Carr, Alana Jones, and Karlee Assef to the National League roster this season helped to strengthen our team with a strong lefty and two quick drivers. All three brought hard work, dedication, and positive vibes to every training and tournament. They were a huge asset to the Devil's roster.

With only one road trip this season to Perth, we were able to play many games in front of our amazing club at the Devil's Playground. It's always a great feeling to line up across from a packed balcony full of support. We also performed quite well on road trip going 2-2 and sneaking an overtime shootout win vs. UWA. It was an exciting way to end our road trip as we won in the final shot during penalty shootout.

Many of our games this season came down to the last few moments, but unfortunately the cards did not always fall in our favour. This team is so close to greatness and there is no reason the Devils shouldn't be in finals next season. With continued hard work and dedication, the club can look forward to the Drummoyne Ladies making a big impact in 2015. Go the Devils.

Meagan Cobb
Co-Captain with Serena Reid



Ladies 2nd Grade Red (L2)

TEAM

Lara Murray
Kelsey Baxter
Megan Moodie
Emma Jones
Georgia Mirabito
Kaitlin Laycock
Nicole Moodie
Hannah Gray
Savannah Henshaw
Karlee Assef
Alex Corbett
Sarah Harnwell
Alana Jones

Drummoyne had two teams entered in the L2 summer competition.

The Black team was made up of the older, more experienced players and the Red team was the younger players.

The L2 Red team had a successful season considering that for many weeks they were under strength and playing with only one or two on the bench due to National League commitments for Alana, Alex, Kaitlin and Karlee.

The team finished the regular season in second place with 12 wins, 3 losses and 3 draws. Two of their losses were against Balmain: both games losing by only one point after leading, only to get beaten in the last minute of the game.

The other loss was to the eventual premiership winners, our Drummoyne Black team.

In the major semi final the girls were determined not to allow Balmain to beat them again and they played their game of the season defeating Balmain 10 – 6, enabling them to go straight in to the Grand Final.

A week later, the Drummoyne Black team also secured their place in the Grand Final, setting up a Drummoyne versus Drummoyne Grand final in the L2 division.

The more experienced Black team got off to a flying start before the younger girls could settle in to their game plan.

The younger girls came back but were unable to defeat the older girls with the final score Drummoyne Black 5 defeating Drummoyne Red 3.

Congratulations to Lara Murray who had an exceptional season in the cage and Emma Jones who finished equal highest goal scorer for the season with Amy Pittorino from the Drummoyne Black team.

Also special mention to Lara, Megan, Georgia, Hannah, Emma, Savannah and Sarah who played well every week to keep the team in the running for a semi final spot when the others had National League commitments and Kelsey was injured.

Well done girls and thank you to Jenny MacGregor for coaching.

Sharon Harnwell
Manager

Coach: Jenny MacGregor
Manager: Sharon Harnwell
MVP: Lara Murray



Our L2 Red & Black teams following their Grand Final against each other, March 2014

Ladies 2nd Grade Black (L2) - PREMIERS

TEAM

Sheree Hart
Ellen Pittorino
Dani White
Elise Holden
Lily Murphy
Nicola Murphy
Amy Pittorino
Jenny Ayling
Steph Calazis
Simone Piper
Steph Polivka
Elise Mirabito
Kate Murphy

The L2 defending premiers spent the 10 weeks leading into Christmas trying to win games with half a team, as overseas trips, social life and all sorts of good excuses were given for not being there on the Saturday.

Fortunately we were fantastically supported by our juniors, Sarah K, Sarah C, Zoe, Kayla, Ruby and Macca, and we ended up with 5 wins v 5 losses and sitting precariously on the edge of the top 4.

We lost Sheree to build a baby and Elise M with a broken arm but with some astute recruitment and the return of the US touring party, things started looking up. We won 7 of the next 8 to finish 3rd, then beat Cronulla, Balmain and the younger Drummoyne team to win the competition.

As cool as ever, Hahn did a great job in getting back-to-back premierships, and the girls kept putting in when in trouble. MVP this season went to Kate Murphy

for lots of really solid defence in tying up the opposition sitting forwards.

See you in September girls to try and get 3 on the trot. I mean what else is there to do on a Saturday in summer but play polo for the Devils with your mates!

Neale Murphy
Manager

Coach: Michael Hahn
Manager: Neale Murphy
MVP: Kate Murphy



Ladies 3rd Grade Red (L3) - PREMIERS

TEAM

Emma Workman
Alison Greig
Julie Rohl
Lisa Murphy
Emma Tuite
Shania Mitchell
Jenny MacGregor
Ruby Borozan
Brooke Dredge
Sharna Small
Kayla Rogers
Zoe Whelan
Sarah Kerrison
Sarah Cain



This season the L3 competition was given first division status. It seemed things were going to get hard. The games were now on a Saturday afternoon and much longer events: seven minute actual playing time quarters.

The old girls were worried but it ended up our best season to date.

The team finished the rounds UNDEFEATED MINOR PREMIERS.

We then went on to win the semi-final 8-3 against Balmain Black and the grand

final 7-2, against a more determined Balmain Black team.

This was L3's sixth premiership.

A solid team effort from all players through the season resulted in the team scoring 205 goals with only 70 against.

A special mention must go to Julie

Rohl (35 goals) and Lisa Murphy (27 goals), the top two scorers in the L3 competition.

Jenny MacGregor
Player/Coach

Coach: Jenny MacGregor
Manager: Wendy Tuite
MVP: Julie Rohl

Ladies 4th Grade (L4)

TEAM

Olivia Allan
Lora Cipriani
Catherine Eldering
Emma Wright
Lyndal Douglas
Jo Court
Natasha Horne
Katharine Horton
Phoebe Katelaris
Amy Harnwell
Hayleigh Bennett
Lilli Borozan
Jemma Hoskinson

It was another good season from Ladies 4th grade.

While we didn't manage to defend our title for the fifth consecutive season, we were pleased to make the semi-finals following the loss of several players, and the introduction of some fabulous new ones.

It was a slow start to the season as we all worked to gel together as a team, but we improved throughout the season. Recognition must go to our juniors, who always made themselves

available despite the school night game times, and brought their best efforts every week.

Big thanks to Robert Allan, for reffing for us every week and providing useful feedback after games. Very much appreciated!

Olivia Allan
Co-Manager

Managers: Olivia Allan/Lora Cipriani
MVP: Phoebe Katelaris

Ladies 5th Grade Red (L5)

TEAM

Sara Judd
Jill Reid
Annette Jamieson
Anna Corry
Sarah Corry
Kelly Parker
Rebecca Lawson
Prue Raynor
Jess Raynor
Leonie Barnett
Mel Roseman
Debbie Collie
Holly Wright

L5 Red has to be known as one of the most inconsistent teams, producing the most consistent outcome in the Club's history: another semi-final position, another failed attempt to secure a Grand Final win.

To date, only Michael Corry's coaching has ever been able to make that win

a reality ... That said, it was another enjoyable season with a team that worked well together.

An experienced referee in James was much appreciated consistency – rare in the world of fifth grade.

A big thanks to Sara who is an excellent goalie for a field player, and motherhood didn't slow her down a bit. And congrats to our other field playing goalie Prue on her great efforts – and on her recent wedding. Tim is one of the few supporters who ever makes an appearance - he's even done the table – a keeper!

And in the field, Annette's speed continued to dazzle – not to mention her goal against an ex-Olympian – as did Kelly's, when Bec remembered to remind Kelly to come (legend organising Bec) ...

Anna and Sarah Corry provided welcome experience and speed, and welcome back to Debbie Collie who reminded us about some concept called a 'mushroom' ... not sure if we ever nailed that – sorry Deb.

Not to mention the rest of the crew that all had their moments of brilliance – Holly's lobs from nowhere, the odd backhander from Jill, steals from Leonie and Jess, Mel's new found pace, and Alana who you wouldn't believe had only played one season before, with a few fantastic goals.

One day we'll get that Grand Final win again...

Jill Reid

Player

Coach: James Godfrey

Manager: Rebecca Lawson

MVP: Sara Judd

Ladies 5th Grade Black (L5)

TEAM

Erin Cowmey
Emma Palmer
Gabby Watson
Greta Conlan
Beth Conlan
Hannah Conlan
Stella Watson
Brianna Martin
Laura Vaccari
Analisa Ullio
Lauren Ellis

L5 Black really enjoyed playing this summer season. Yet again it was another tough season with some great teams involved in the competition. We started off a bit slow but picked up towards the end of the season and we had some really good wins.

We had a lot of fun playing and just missed out on semis with a few teams

only being a couple of points apart. We finished 6th overall. Congatulations for another great season to all the girls in the team.

Thank you to Kel for being a fantastic coach and to Tony Watson for reffing us every week. We really appreciate your help and support.

Erin Cowmey

Player/Manager

Manager/ Player: Erin Cowmey

Coach: Kel Conlan

MVP: Gabby Watson



Men's National League & M1

TEAM - National League

John Hahn
Nathan Sinclair
James Smith
Zoltan Ridzak
Milan Nestic
Aidan Roach
Teo Galic
Tyler Martin
Mitchell Holden
Grant Richardson
Justin Trabinger
Rok Crnica
Adam Hall
Ryan Marnell
Lachlan Trabinger
Gianni Taranto
Alberto Rapisardi
Jesse Deloraine
Ryan Lear
Claudio Versi
Rowan Farrell

February

The Drummoyne Devils Men's National League side opened their season against Queensland KFC Breakers at Drummoyne Pool. The team lost two key club stalwarts in Mitch Emery and Tyler Martin, although the side was buoyed by the addition of experienced centre

forward Teo Galic, Jesse Deloraine from the Hunter Hurricanes and Hungarian left hander Zoltan Ridzyk.

The squad was coached by Adam Richardson and captained by John Hahn, and contained a good mix of youth and experience, with expectations of a top six finish high.

The opening series against the Breakers did not go to plan. In the first game the Devils went down against a fit KFC side 12-6, with Zoltan netting his first goal for the club and Gianni Taranto making his NL Debut. In the second game Drummoyne faced KFC in the last game of their road trip and were boosted by the celebrity appearances of Tyler Martin and Olympian Aidan Roach. Unfortunately the game ended with Drummoyne suffering their second loss of the season 12-11.

The two game series against the Breakers was followed by a local derby against the Balmain Tigers. In a fiery game, the Devils went down by 1 with Jesse Deloraine netting a hat trick of goals and Adam Hall making his NL Debut.

February games ended with two must win games against the Adelaide Jets. The first game ended in a 19-10 win for the Devils with Grant Richardson winding back the clock scoring five goals and Teo netting four of his own. Also Lachlan Trabinger made his NL Debut for the Devils. The second game was much tighter with Drummoyne winning 8-6, Rok Crnica was the standout with three goals.

March

Drummoyne's first away game of the season was against Sydney University. The Lions proved too strong taking the points 10-7. A rare highlight of the match was Rowan Farrell scoring his first National League goal.

Cronulla Sharks at home followed with the Devils winning their third game of the season 9-8. John Hahn was the difference in the cage, guiding Drummoyne to a one goal win. The Devils then hosted the second of the Queensland teams, the Brisbane Barracudas. The Devils clawed their way back in the last quarter of game one to push it to penalties. The Barracudas



[Men's NL continued]

were too strong in penalties, and followed that effort with a 13-5 win in the following fixture.

In the return leg against Balmain the Devils bounced back with a 6-5 win at Dawnie. A strong defensive effort by John and three goals by Teo carried Drummoyne to the win. Drummoyne then faced top of the top of the table Wests at Home. The Magpies ran away with the lead early, and took out the game 13-7. Claudio Versi made his NL debut for the Devils in this game.

In Club Captain Ryan Lear's 100th National League game, Drummoyne faced off against Sydney Uni. In one of the Devils best efforts of the season, Drummoyne won the game 11-9 in penalties. Nathan Sinclair scored a clutch goal in normal time and to the crowd's pleasure, John made two big saves against ex-Devils in the penalty shoot out. This was followed by a high scoring 17-16 loss in penalties against Hunter at home. Alberto Rapisardi made his NL debut and did not disappoint in goals making multiple final quarter saves.

April

April commenced with a two game series at home against the newly named Victorian Seals. Drummoyne was able to survive the strong counter attacking team forcing the game in penalties on both occasions. Mitch Holden was clutch nailing both of his attempts in each of the games and Jimbo Smith scored two crucial goals in game one. The Devils took out game one 13-12 and drew the second game 12-12.

Following the Easter break the Devils travelled to Perth for their four game road trip against Fremantle and UWA. Special mention must go to Teo Galic who was selected to represent Drummoyne in the NL All Star game leading up to the road trip.

The first game did not go according to plan losing to Fremantle 12-6, and was followed by a 14-6 loss to UWA. Justin Trabinger netted two goals in each of those games.

The Devils went down in its final two games of the road trip, 13-6 and 11-3, to Fremantle and UWA respectively. Against the Mariners, Lachlan Trabinger scored his first NL goal in his first road trip with Drummoyne. Drummoyne then faced Wests in their second last game of the season and went down 13-5.

The final game saw Drummoyne travel to Newcastle. To the boys credit they came away with a 12-10 win with women's coach Steven O'Keefe filling in for Adam. Congratulations to Grant Richardson in this game, who brought up 300 National League games. Grant has been a great ambassador for Australian water polo throughout his National League career.

Rob Hahn
Manager

Coach: Adam Richardson
Manager: Rob Hahn
MVP: John Hahn
MIP: Nate Sinclair

TEAM - M1
Adam Hall
Adam Richardson
Alberto Rapisarda
Gavin Aubrey
Gianni Taranto
James Smith
John Hahn
Jono Ross
Justin Trabinger
Milan Nestic
Mitchell Holden
Nathan Sinclair
Reggie Burrows
Rok Crnica
Rowan Farrell
Ryan Lear
Ryan Marnell
Teo Galic
Zoltan Ridzyk

This year saw the Men's first Grade compete with the full complement squad with both imports arriving for the start of the season.

In summary the team finished a clear second after the regular season, one loss short of the minor premiership. With only two losses to their name, the team were confident going into the finals, however like most matches



the splash of the ball sometimes needs to go your way to get the result. Unfortunately this did not occur with the men losing to the eventual winners by only a goal and finishing a confident third with a good preparation for the National League to follow.

2013 season had a few new initiatives that will remain in the program for future years. The first was a training camp in September in Newcastle which was invaluable in getting the men together without any distractions, considering there were a few new members of the team. Juan Ramirez joined the support staff as the strength and conditioning coach and took the men thru their paces once or twice a week in the Clubroom for a very effective dry land program. His invaluable knowledge in this area as a personal trainer was well received and all the men really took to the sessions with the right rigour and intensity required.

We also saw a handful of players make their 1st Grade debut for the Club. These players were Rowan Farrell, Gianni Taranto, Adam Hall, Zoltan Ridzyk and Teo Galic. Overall the season was a successful one with its objectives met of competing for the championship and laying the

foundations for National League after Christmas.

However like previous seasons, the regular commitment to training and the program was a struggle for many. School commitments, work or university were all contributors to a player's inability to attend on a regular basis. It isn't an easy balance to strike, but the beauty of water polo is that we can keep playing at the top level for longer than most sports.

If a player's major focus can be centred on accommodating these competing

demands of work, family and study etc with the commitment required competing at the highest competition on offer in the country, then there are clearly some strong tangible benefits to be achieved for all concerned.

Andrew Murray
Manager

Coach: Adam Richardson
Manager: Andrew Murray
MVP: Justin Trabinger



From the Captain of Men's National League



The squad prepared well for the 2014 NL season and with Adam Richardson at the helm for his second year, we were determined to better our 6th place finish in finals from the 2013 NL. There was a significant lift in training through the early parts of the season including the addition of two weekly gym sessions with Juan Ramirez. We also travelled north for a pre season training camp with Brisbane rivals the Barracudas that was followed by a pre season tournament down at Gunnamatta baths.

Our team was boosted by a number of new faces in the group which included a mix of domestic talent and overseas experience. We were feeling very positive about the year ahead but quickly found ourselves on the back foot after a slow start losing matches in the first couple of weeks to KFC QLD Breakers and Balmain. As the season continued we struggled to find a consistency that would ensure us a spot in finals. We were up and down throughout the entire year, unable to maintain a standard worthy of a spot in finals.

While we only managed 8th place in 2014, there were moments when we looked like a team that could win the competition, defeating more fancied opponents on several occasions including bronze medalists Sydney University in penalties at home. Other gutsy Devil performances included a win and draw against grand finalists Victoria, which was needed to keep our season alive before the Easter break. Unfortunately on our Perth road trip we were unable to secure the victories necessary to see us continue a late surge into the finals.

Thanks must go to Juan for his assistance with the strength and conditioning program, Rob Hahn for his expert management of the team and particularly Adam for his efforts coaching over the past two seasons. Thanks to everyone from the club who supports all of our teams on game day and behind the scenes.

Finally a huge thanks to all of my Devil team mates. While we didn't achieve our goals this season it's crucial we prepare to work hard and build on our experiences for next year so that we can learn and understand what it will take to become a premiership winning side.

Best of luck to everyone representing this off-season and bring on NL2015!

John Hahn
Captain

Men's 2nd Grade (M2)

TEAM

Alberto Rapisardi
Adam Richardson
Gavin Aubrey
Ryan Marnell
Juan Carlos Ramirez
Ryan Lear
Rowan Farrell
Sam Watson
Charlie Kospetas
Lachlan Trabinger
Gianni Taranto
Adam Hall
Kobe Cooper
Leo Dauda-Board
Nathan Sinclair

Brock Bogg
JJ Brennan
Zoltan Ridzyk

M2 this season, as it has for the previous couple of years, has been a struggle.

With a number of players unavailable each week and the side never training together it is very difficult to compete at this level. The serious M2 sides have settled line ups and team training; we find players on Saturday to fill the ranks.

The positives to come from the season are the development of our juniors and the inclusion of three younger players from Breakers who are looking to play their senior polo at Drummoynes.

Thanks to Adam, Gav, Alberto and Juan for guiding a very young team – their years of experience are invaluable to young players trying to make it in the senior ranks.

Tony Watson
Manager

Manager: Tony Watson
MVP: Alberto Rapisardi

Men's 3rd Grade (M3) - PREMIERS

TEAM

Steven Xenakis
Mitch Taylor
Mikey Parker
Andrew Murray
Ben Scott
Phil Emery
Daniel Trent
Francesco Barbuscia
Eli Deloraine
Claudio Versi
Charlie Kospetas
Sean Boyd
Rob Hahn
Chris Artemi

[Thank you too, to the other 11 players who played their roles in getting the team to the finals.]

M3 had a great year capped off with a second premiership in a row, becoming the only Drummoyne Men's first division side to win back to back titles.

The side had numerous changes from last year but importantly kept our season's MVP (Steven) in the cage which allowed us the confidence to build a team around.

Notable backup performances from Mitch, Mickey, DT, Charlie, Chris, Muz and a late return for Rob carried on last year's winning culture.

We also added some experience with the addition of ex National League members Eli, Benny and Phil, which aided in developing the younger guys coming through.

As the season progressed, club veteran and self-proclaimed 'best leftie in the club' Muz, kept recruiting new players with a new Italian pair Claudio and Francesco along with ex Olympian and former National League captain Sean.



This gave the team a great combination of youth, experience and talent all round.

Highlights for the season include:

- Francesco's near club record of 36 goals in 11 games
- The return of the great Sean Boyd
- The continued development and increase in confidence of the youth at the club
- Great commitment to club culture
- Muz's 2 important goals for the season
- A season with only three losses
- A win against Wests with only six players and Phil Emery in the cage for the first half of the game. As Phil will happily let you know, he kept a clean sheet.

To finish, it was a great year, culminating in a fantastic performance to win the Grand Final against a strong Sydney Uni side.

Notable performances from Steven in goal and Benny bagging 3 goals in a low



scoring match, topped off with a few cold beers at the 'Back to Drummoyne Day' at the club.

Special mention to all of the parents and helpers for the year, we couldn't have done it without you.

Here's to the treble.

Craig Scott
Manager

Coach: John Hahn
Manager: Craig Scott
MVP: Steven Xenakis

Men's 4th Grade (M4)

TEAM

Oliver Fitschen
Luke Hayward
James Hayward
Paul Helyar
Daniel Small
Joel Foristal
Daniel Lister
Josh Rogers
Trevor Folsom
Jayden Namroud
Mark Simpson

This season our M4 side struggled with numbers early in the season, and we welcomed the introduction of some new younger Drummoyne Water Polo members – the 3 x J's: James Hayward, Josh Rogers and Joel Foristal.

As the season progressed we started

to play more like a cohesive team, managing to be very competitive in a closely fought M4 competition.

With six teams battling it out for the semi's, we managed to claim 4th place, having beaten every team during the rounds except for the SNB team, losing twice to them by one goal.

In the minor semi we came up against our old nemesis Cronulla, who unfortunately were too good for us and the rest of the competition and went on to beat the SNB team in the grand final.

Many thanks to all those who helped out during the season when we were short of numbers. The M4 side was much improved this year and very competitive, making it another enjoyable season of BBQ water polo.

Hopefully we will see you all back again over the winter and next summer.

Mark Simpson
Player/Manager

Manager: Mark Simpson
MVP: James Hayward



Men's 5th Grade Red (M5)

TEAM

Craig Pendergast
James Brennan
Harry Tunstall
Daniel Tilyard
Ted Churchyard
Serge Gonzalez
Wayne Fitzgerald
Duncan Ritchie
James Tuite
Troy Ready
Paul Becker
Ange Tsirekas
Steve Timms

Another good year until the finals. We went through the regular season undefeated and continued to sneak home for a win each week.

The injection of much needed youth "Harry Tunstall and Daniel Tilyard" filled something we normally lack – swimmers – and also greatly assisted in bringing our average age down.

We lost the first semi with 8 seconds to go against Balmain, and then fronted up against Cronulla to lose in a penalty shoot-out.

Craig Pendergast
Player/Manager

Manager: Craig Pendergast
MVP: Harry Tunstall

Men's 5th Grade Black (M5)

TEAM

Josh Sharrock
Matthew Pennycook
Tom Trajkovski
Liam Wheatley
Tom Southern
Phil Holst
David McGlade
Murray Edstein
Steve Simpson
Greg Cullen
Graham Purcell
Ian Van Der Steege
Ed Boyd
Scott Talbot

Within the M5 Black polo team there is an aging population, which translates to plenty of injuries.

Before the start of the season we were riddled with injuries: - Aidan Pennycook, Johnny Braams, then Big

Steve Tunny and then after another few weeks Dave Pennycook. That left us with no full time sitting forward or sitting back. It did how ever open up room for more young bloods.

Once again M5 season was almost a good season, as every opposing team we played knew they had a game of polo on their hands. All teams that made the finals thought we were a tough team to beat, the only difference being the opposition would score more goals than us. If M5 Black had converted 1/2 of their shots, not only hitting the wood work, we could have won the comp easily.

The injection of new blood into M5 Black's such as Liam, Josh, Ed & Tom was timely but would take time to gel. The frustrating part was now we had good swimmers, good shooters

but no experienced sitting forward or fulltime sitting back, which proved to be crucial when trying your guts out to win games.

Season highlights, besides the pizza and Harbour Cruise days, were Drummoyne Blacks V's Drummoyne Red, actually playing within the true spirit of water polo (tuff but fair), with Drummoyne Reds taking the cash for both games.

Thanks to all players in M5 Blacks. This is a great team to play in and very pleasing as coach to see that win or lose, the game of water polo is more about having a good time/fun.

Matt Pennycook
Manager

Manager: **Matt Pennycook**
MVP: **Steve Simpson**

Men's 6th Grade Red (M6)

TEAM

Col Churton
Marco Lo Blanco
Matt Cross
Liam Corry
Michael Hayward
Neale Murphy
Michael Hahn
Joel Katz
Brad Palmer
Darren Spooner
Greg Broome
Mark Rogers
Nick Grbin
Dave Pitcairn

Another enjoyable season for the 6'ers. We cracked 4th spot playing some really good polo one week then some horrible stuff the next week.

Unfortunately we left our worst to last at Parramatta pool, getting touched up by the home team.

As always, injuries to us old men, work trips, school exams and a loss of interest by a few meant we weren't up to last year's standard, but all in all, what else do we want to do on a Tuesday night in summer!!!

Onto 2014/15 and probably a few more juniors to bolster numbers.

It was great having Michael Hayward and Liam Corry there with us all year, and Liam picks up the team's MVP with 13 votes from 14. Yep you guessed it, Rogers voted for himself again!!

Neale Murphy
Manager

Manager: **Neale Murphy**
MVP: **Liam Corry**



Some of our M6 enjoying a post season debrief.

Men's 6th Grade Black (M6)

TEAM

Kerry Sunderland
Daniel Corbett
David Henricks
Dylan Higgs
Daniel Lukic
Shaun Povey
Will Parker
Lars Foged
Garry Lonnon
Michael Sohns
Peter Gainsford
Peter Johnston
Matt Henricks
Will Van Asperen
Michael Young

Other juniors who played were:

Matt Dembecki
Stacey Maratos
Cooper Steen

The team finished equal 5th (6th on averages) which was a vast improvement on 12/13. We recorded 9 wins, 8 losses and 1 draw.

The inclusion of the U16s – Dylan Higgs, Michael Sohns, Daniel Lukic

and Daniel Corbett (GK when required) – added some all round attacking and defensive strength. Also the addition of Lars Foged and Michael Parker, and Will Van Asperen being available more often, was a bonus.

We had the worst of the draw having to play all the eventual semi finals teams twice, with the exception of Parramatta.

We performed well against Cronulla and SU who were Grand Finalists. There were two disappointing losses against Icebergs in Round 1 and Wests in Round 2.

The Juniors played really well against some very experienced, bigger opposition and they are good listeners. We cannot speak highly enough of them.

Of the “old hands” Matt Henricks was solid in defence and the “go to” player getting the ball up the pool. The other regulars put in solid efforts.

Veteran Garry Lonnon who was unavailable for all but one game was missed.

Goal scorers - Dylan (16), Michael Sohns (14), Lars (13), Daniel Lukic (8), Will Parker (5) Daniel Corbett (4)

Thanks to:

Matt Henricks, Peter Johnston and Peter Gainsford for playing when work commitments allowed.

Shaun Povey who played under duress with a very bad knee and only available for half the season.

Big THANKS to Elizabeth Higgs (table) and other parents of the Juniors for your support.

Michael Young
Manager

Coach David Henricks & Cocko
Manager: Michael Young
MVP: Dylan Higgs



Award Winners 2013/14

Michael Corry Clubman of the Year

Garry Nicholls Junior Clubman of the Year

John Hahn

Joshua Sharrock

LADIES

National League

L1

L2 Red

L2 Black

L3 Red

1st Division

L4

L5 Red

L5 Black

L14A

L14B

L16A Red

L16A Black

L16B

L18

MVP

Meagan Cobb

Morgan Baxter

Lara Murray

Kate Murphy

Julie Rohl

Phoebe Katelaris

Sara Judd

Gabby Watson

Georgia Gray

Cara Murray

Emma Jones

Lilli Borozan

Lauren Wheatley

Lara Murray

MIP

Karlee Assef

Alana Jones

Savannah Henshaw

Georgia Smith

Jaime McIntosh

Zoe Whelan-Young

Georgia Southern

Maddison Dunne

Hannah Gray

MEN

National League

M1

M2

M3

1st Division

M4

M5 Red

M5 Black

M6 Red

M6 Black

M14A

M14B

M16A Red

M16A Black

M16B

M18

John Hahn

Justin Trabinger

Alberto Rapisarda

Steven Xenakis

James Hayward

Harry Tunstall

Steve Simpson

Liam Corry

Dylan Higgs

Joe Kospetas

Eddie Taranto

Chris Artemi

Dylan Higgs

Patrick Zadow

Steven Xenakis

Nate Sinclair

Nate Sinclair

Bronson Ronan

Ben Tuite

Blake Artemi

Michael Hayward

Tom Vass

Sam Watson

Representative Honours 2013/14

AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

- AJ Roach and Tyler Martin - World Championships in Barcelona
- AJ Roach and Tyler Martin - Aussie Sharks team in the BHP Billiton Aquatic Super Series in Perth
- Justin Trabinger and Nathan Sinclair - Australian Country team that competed in Hawaii
- Morgan Baxter and Shannan Martin - World Junior Championships in Volos Greece. Tracey Mirabito - Manager.
- James Smith - Australian Born 96 tour of Europe. Michael Smith - Manager.
- Ellen Hahn and Fiona Walsh - Australian Born 95 training tour of USA and Canada.
- Morgan Baxter and Teo Galic - National Water Polo League All Stars
- Serena Reid and Justin Trabinger - World University Games
- James Smith and Lachlan Trabinger - Australian Schoolboys
- Justin Trabinger - Australian Born 94 squad Europe tour
- Justin Trabinger - 2013 World Junior Championships, Hungary
- AJ Roach and Tyler Martin - FINA World League Intercontinental Cup
- James Smith - Australian Born 96, FINA World Youth Championships in Istanbul, Turkey
- Emma Jones -

Australian Born 98 - 3 test series in New Zealand and Pan Pacs

- Emma Workman - Australian Born 98 Squad for Pan Pacs in NZ. Tracey Mirabito - Manager.
- Fiona Walsh and Alex Corbett - Australian Born 95 Squad
- Jesse Deloraine in Australian Born 95 Squad for a tour to Europe
- Adam Hall & Gianni Taranto in Australian Born 97 Squad for the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival in Auckland in July
- Chris Artemi in Australian Born 98 Squad for the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival in Auckland in July
- Alex Corbett and Adam Hall who were selected in the Australian All Schools Teams
- Morgan Baxter on being selected in the Aussie Stingers squad, and AJ Roach & Tyler Martin in the Aussie Sharks for a pre World Camp at the AIS

STATE / TERRITORY REPRESENTATIVES

- John Hahn, James Smith, Mitch Emery, Justin Trabinger, Shannan Martin, Fiona Walsh, Morgan Baxter Serena Reid and Stephanie Calaisiz in NSWIS teams competing in Australian Water Polo's NTC Challenge
- Alex Corbett, Kaitlin Laycock, Lara Murray, James Smith, Lachlan Trabinger, Gianni Taranto and Adam

Hall - U/18 Invitational Tournaments in Sydney and Perth

- Savannah Henshaw, Shania Mitchell, Emma Tuite, Zoe Whelan-Young, Chris Artemi, Blake Artemi, Lachlan Davis and Cooper Steen - U16 NSW City team for Pan Pacs in NZ
- Nicole Chaney - U16 NSW Country team for Pan Pacs in NZ
- Alex Corbett and Hannah Gray, Adam Hall, Chris Artemi, Gianni Taranto and Rowan Farrell - NSW All Schools Teams in Noosa.
- Phoebe Hall, Georgia Gray, Joe Kospetas, James Artemi, Angus Davis and Bronson Ronan - East Coast Challenge in Adelaide
- Steph Calaisiz, Shannan Martin, Alex Corbett, Ellen Hahn, Fiona Walsh, Erin Moodie, Justin Trabinger, Jesse Deloraine, Mitch Holden, Lachlan Trabinger, Nate Sinclair and Charlie Kospetas in NSW U20 teams for the National Championships in Adelaide
- Justin Trabinger and Nate Sinclair who were part of the gold medal winning ACT team at the Australian Country Men's Championships

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Devils who have participated in either NSWCHS, NSW CIS or NSWCCC teams: Emma Tuite, Nicole Chaney, Hannah Gray, Sarah Kerrison, Megan Moodie, Savannah Henshaw, Sarah Cain, Emma Workman, Alex Corbett, Sarah Harnwell, Sarah Churchyard, Georgia Mirabito, Zoe Whelan-Young, Lili Borozan, Adam Hall, Mitch Taylor, Charlie Kospetas, Chris Artemi, Gianni Taranto, Rowan Farrell, James Hayward, Blake Artemi, Harry Tunstall, Matt Dembecki, Joel Foristal, Josh Rogers, Daniel Corbett, Lachlan Davis, Daniel Lukic, Michael Sohns, Josh Sharrock and Liam Wheatley.

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Editor



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